

# **2010 Defense HIV/AIDS Prevention program (DHAPP): Self-Help Program**

## **What is the DHAPP Self-Help Program?**

The program is modeled on the long-running Ambassador's Special Self-Help Program, which has provided support to grassroots development efforts in Africa, especially in Togo since 1964.

The DHAPP Self-Help Program supports projects that are developed and implemented by community-based groups or NGOs for the direct benefit of members. The intended beneficiaries of projects are people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA), orphans and vulnerable children (OVC) and women, such as widows, who are at risk of being drawn into activities that expose them to a high risk of HIV infection.

## **What projects are eligible for funding?**

- The project must be initiated by the local community or local NGO, with an emphasis on activities, training, equipment or facilities that will support income generation for PLWHAs, OVCs or other at-risk populations within military circle.
- The project should be designed to be self-sustaining and not require continued support from the DHAPP Self-Help Program after one year.
- The majority of projects will be granted one-time funding.
- Projects that have high impact may be eligible for support for two or three years.
- The military beneficiaries must make a substantial contribution to the project in the form of financial or in kind (labor, building materials, etc.) resources.
- Projects must provide *direct* benefit to an identifiable group of at risk individuals (e.g., they should not be projects that primarily benefit a business owner who might employ some at-risk individuals).

## **How much are the grants?**

Project funding is limited to \$5000 at the prevailing exchange rate; however the usual grant amount is significantly lower. Requests for smaller grants are encouraged and often have a better chance of obtaining funding

## **How are projects approved?**

The DHAPP Self-Help Projects Committee will review all applications. The Committee aims to support vulnerable and at-risk populations such as PLWHAs, orphans, widows, and those engaged in high-risk activities. Strong preference will be given to grass-roots efforts and groups

that have already demonstrated a financial or in-kind commitment to the activity for which they seek funding.

### **What are some examples of the types of projects that would be considered?**

A group of widows and orphans needs a shelter as a safe place where they can learn and practice a marketable skill. The community may contribute the labor, the land, the resources to build the shelter and provide free training to the group of widows at the center.

Ten young women with limited education and job opportunities have formed a pepper growing cooperative and need resources, tools and training to manage the income from pepper sales in order to expand their business. They will contribute their labor and funds.

A community group of 15 to 20 PLWHAs needs funding to complete an alternative livelihood project such as income generating activities.

### **How does an organization apply?**

Application forms are available through the Coordinator in the DHAPP Self-Help Program Office at the U.S. Embassy. They may be requested by mail or in person. The form is also available on-line ([click here](#)) and at American Corners located in Togo. The deadline for applications for fiscal year 2010 support is June 30, 2010. Applications can be submitted at any time before that date to the Coordinator.

### **What does not qualify for DHAPP Self-Help funding?**

The DHAPP Self-Help Program will not fund political, religious, or military activities. Government agencies are not eligible to receive funds.

### **APPLICATION PROCESS /SELF-HELP PROPOSAL**

Every proposal must include:

- A completed SSH application available on website <http://togo.usembassy.gov>
- An estimated budget
- Land title or authorization of land usage, if applicable
- A list of members of the community/organization and the community/ organization charter
- A copy of the identification card of the community project manager
- Proof of community funds (bank statement) and previous community contributions (purchase of materials and labor cost)
- Map to the site

**Submission Period:** Applications are accepted through June 30th yearly to be considered for that years funding. Please send applications to:

**U.S. Embassy  
Development Office,  
B.P. 852**

## **Lomé, Togo.**

**Selection Period:** Grantees are selected in August of each year.

If your proposal is accepted for consideration, a representative from the Embassy will visit your project site to discuss your proposal with you and the association and to verify the details represented in your proposal. **A visit to your project in no way guarantees that it will be funded.**

### **QUESTIONS?**

By make an appointment with the DHAPP Coordinator to attend the information session regarding any questions you may have, on the last Tuesday of the each month from 2pm – 4pm.

**Remember: Make an appointment via email or telephone:**

Email: [sshlome@state.gov](mailto:sshlome@state.gov)

Telephone: 261 54 70 (Available hours: Mondays and Thursdays 10am – 12pm)